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This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 14, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for filing a response to the Office Action expired on January 14, 2004. To extend the time for filing the response to April 14, 2004, a Petition for a three-month extension is being filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.